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B. BONN 8701 DTG 201753Z MAY 77
C. MBFR VIENNA 252 DTG 211255Z MAY 77

1. IF ISSUE OF UNCLASSIFIED DATA PUBLICATION IS RAISED, YOU MAY DRAW ON FOLLOWING IN SPC.
2. IF FRG CONTINUES TO FAVOR AN UNCLASSIFIED DATA

PUBLICATION, WE ARE READY TO SUPPORT THEM. WE UNDERSTAND ARGUMENTS AGAINST THE IDEA, BUT IN CURRENT TACTICAL SITUATION SUCH A PUBLICATION MIGHT BE USEFUL.

3. WITH RESPECT TO THE FORMAT FOR AN UNCLASSIFIED DATA PUBLICATION, WE BELIEVE TWO BASIC PRINCIPLES SHOULD APPLY. FIRST, NATIONAL TOTALS FOR CENTRAL EUROPE (BENELUX AND THE FRG) MUST BE SHOWN CLEARLY. SECOND, ADDITION OF DATA ON FORCES OUTSIDE THIS AREA SHOULD NOT UNDULY BURDEN PREPARATION OF THE PUBLICATION. IN THIS RESPECT, WE WOULD HAVE NO OBJECTION TO PROVIDING DATA ON MANPOWER IN AN AREA WIDER THAN THE NGA. (FOR EXAMPLE, ADDING DATA ON NORTHERN AS WELL AS CENTRAL EUROPE OR EVEN WORLD-WIDE NATIONAL TOTALS.)

IF FRG INCLUDES AFCENT IN ITS PROPOSAL WE WOULD NOT OBJECT, SO LONG AS FIGURES FOR CENTRAL EUROPE, INCLUDING ALL OF THE FRG, ARE ALSO CLEARLY SHOWN.

4. FYI. WE DO NOT WISH TO PROPOSE TO FRENCH INCLUSION OF THEIR FORCES IN SUCH A PUBLICATION, THOUGH WE NATURALLY WOULD HAVE NO OBJECTION IF THEY WERE TO CONSENT TO A FRG PROPOSAL FOR THEIR INCLUSION. END FYI.

5. IF TREND OF DISCUSSION IS NEGATIVE, YOU SHOULD SUGGEST THAT NO CONCLUSIONS SHOULD BE REACHED BEFORE DISCUSSING NEXT STEPS ON DATA IN VIENNA, WHICH THE DATA PUBLICATION WOULD COMPLEMENT. VANCE

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